



Delaware County Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 18, 2021, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

1. Attendees:

County	Appointees	Citizens / Guests
Howard Lazarus	Steve Clark	Melissa Muroff
Francine Locke	David Director	Liz Compitello
Elaine Schaefer	Stephanie Howe Hasanali	
Laura Goodrich	Carol Martsof	
Ed Magargee	Jennie Perey Saxe	
Mark Manfre	Jaclyn Rhoads	
Linda Hill	Shawn Stancill	
John Becht - IT	Scott Sidlow	
Jim Kane	Becca Yurkovich	

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2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January Meeting – January meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Chief Sustainability Officer Update – Week 4 check-in. Held introductory meetings with numerous departments. Introductory meetings with DVRPC SE PA Regional PPA steering committee. Provided overview of Major initiatives. Two main initiatives highlighted Municipal Facilities Condition and Needs Assessment (FCNA) and Delco C-PACE. New email address GoGreenDelco@co.delaware.pa.us
 - a. Municipal FCNA overview of action items underway.
 - b. C-PACE – explained programed. Letters sent to 49 municipalities announcing intent to start the program. No local ordinance, but must adhere to state level laws.
4. Guest Speaker: Liz Compitello from DVRPC regarding a Regional Power Purchasing Agreement to allow Delaware County to join other counties in PA ~~and NJ~~ in purchasing renewable energy. Partnership brings counties together to explore the incorporation of renewable energy into portfolios. Leverage aggregate scale of the counties to improve purchasing power. Program is organized and facilitated by DVRPC. Aggregate electric demand to increase purchasing power. Group started meeting in September. Working with external partners and resources. Three things exploring – PPA, Evaluate purchasing electricity as a consortium – a dedicated wholesale PJM Subaccount, hiring and managing an Energy Services Consultant to help evaluate, plan and execute. Other regions are exploring the same opportunity. Provided overview of PPA. Provided overview of of Dedicated Wholesale PJM Subaccount. Reviewed next steps. Commission voted to sign RPPA Letter of Intent – motion was raised by Mr. Director to approve signing the letter. Mr. Sidlow seconded and all members voted in favor of the motion. The PPA process will likely take a few years. Ms. Schaefer informed the Committee that a 3 year electricity buy was just compelted in conjunction with Montgomery County and Chester.

5. Co-Chairs of Commission Discussion – Mr. Director has nominated Ms. Martsolf to be the public representative Chair. Mr. Director has nominated Ms. Locke to be the government co-chair. Laura Goodrich nominated Ms. Rhoads as public rep co-chair. Laura nominated Mr. Stancill as secretary.
6. Subcommittee Updates (7:10 PM to 7:30 PM)
 - a. **Greening County Operations:** Shawn; Mark; David; Scott (Chair), Howard, Jennie – Scott provided an update. The Subcommittee reviewed the information provided by the interim committee. Scott motioned to approve the mission statement. Mark Manfre seconded, all voted in favor.
 - b. **Creating a County-Wide Sustainability Plan:** Becca; Jaclyn (co-chair); Stephanie (co-chair); Ed; Linda; Carol; Laura; Steve – Ms. Rhoads provided an update. The committee met twice since our last full commission meeting. Drafted a mission statement. Reviewed information provided by interim committee. The next steps were reviewed. Interns will be paid through County Council. Ms Rhoads motioned to approve mission statement
7. Website Content – Discussion of information we would like to share.
 - a. Community response areas – committee will work with public relations
8. Discussion of Guest Speakers – FL recommended having department chairs present. Manfre will present at the next meeting. Steve Clark nominated Mark Graff to present. Elaine Schaefer recommended having Brian Hudak to discuss our fleet. Jaclyn Rhoads recommended heritage commission. Steve Clark recommended solid waste commission. Laura Goodrich recommended Arrow Aggregate– local company that recycles glass building materials. David Director recommended another recycling company – JP Mascaro.
Contact information for each department head is on County website.
9. Other Business – no other business. Jaclyn Rhoads asked about Sustainability Commission having information shared with public at Council meetings. We will highlight tonight's guest speaker. Carol Martsolf asked if there are any Municipalities that have a zero waste initiative. Jaclyn Rhoads confirmed that there is draft language to be shared. Elaine Schaefer met with Pennsylvania Resource Council about what is being done in Allegany and would like to ask them to present/share information with us. Commission agrees that someone from the housing authority should join this meeting.

Public Comment – no public comments for the group.

10. Adjourn – Motion to close: Linda Hill, seconded Laura Goodrich. 7:43